

NEWS BRIEFS

Official travel

Effective April 1, a rate increase in the service fee for official travel was negotiated between Air Education and Training Command Contracting and N and N Travel. An extra \$22.80 should be added to the cost of each temporary duty assignment.

If multiple airlines are used, the fee is added to each carrier ticket. Multiple carriers can be avoided with early reservations. Travelers should call Ext. 2669 as soon as possible after being notified of the TDY. Call Ext. 2571.

Lake area cleaning

A clean up is at 2 p.m. today at SAC Lake. Anyone interested in helping can show up or call Ext. 7958.

Case lot sale

The commissary has a case lot sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday. Call Ext. 7109.

Pancake breakfast

The American Society of Military Comptrollers has a pancake sale from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Sunday at the community center. Cost is \$5 for three pancakes with toppings, sausage links, juice and coffee. Children 12 and under eat for \$3. Purchase tickets through first sergeants or at the door. Call Ext. 2673.

Volunteer breakfast

The family support center offers a volunteer appreciation breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Monday at the chapel in honor of National Volunteer Week. Call Ext. 2790.

Special run

The Columbus AFB portion of the Mississippi Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run begins at 2 p.m. Monday at the security forces building. This run began in Memphis, Tenn. and ends at Keesler AFB, Miss. Tuesday. Call Ext. 7115.

Mission Report

As of Wednesday	
T-37	
Goal: 2,184	
Flown: 1,906	
T-1A	T-38
Goal: 1,594.0 hrs.	Goal: 1,029
Flown: 1,385.1 hrs.	Flown: 916



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Jill Cordes, hostess of “The Best Of” on The Food Network channel, audioman Dan Dwyer and cameraman Tom Forliti interview 2nd Lts. Brain Walski and Nathan Tarver, 37th Flying Training Squadron, for their “The Best Of Military Eats” segment.

International media visits Columbus AFB

Second Lt. Amy Hansen Public affairs

Columbus AFB hosted the production team and hostess of the television show “The Best Of” from the international cable channel, The Food Network, April 11.

While here, the team filmed a segment for their show, “The Best Of Military Eats,” which highlighted Columbus AFB in conjunction with Proffitt’s Porch, a local restaurant frequented by people from the base.

The cameraman, audioman, producer and hostess arrived on base in the morning for a wing mission brief and a tour.

Then they met 1st Lt. John Gallemore, 37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot and Capt. Matt Ciccarello, 41st Flying Training Squadron IP, who escorted them through their squadrons and out to the flight line.

On the flight line, the Food Network crew filmed their hostess wearing full flight gear introducing the show amidst the rows of T-37s.

She climbed into a tweet, set up by DynCorp for the show, and the film

crew taped her sitting next to Gallemore in the jet.

Before the production crew departed for Proffitt’s Porch, Gallemore and Ciccarello were filmed introducing The Food Network and “The Best of Military Eats” for the show.

At Proffitt’s Porch The Food Network interviewed 1st Lt. Phil Lindell, 37th FTS IP, and members of the 37th FTS Dagger Flight about the best menu items.

According to Elizabeth Proffitt, who owns the restaurant with her husband, Bob, Proffitt’s Porch depends heavily on customers from Columbus AFB.

“We made the decision not to advertise, so word of mouth on the base really helps us out. We are fortunate to have the base to support us.”

“Military people are out here all the time,” said Christine Hill, kitchen manager. “They’re our biggest customers.”

“It’s an atmosphere kind of thing,” said Maj. John Bula, 37th FTS assistant director of operations and frequent customer. “It’s got that southern flavor.”

Nestled out in the woods next to Officer’s Lake, Proffitt’s Porch is

reached via a dirt road off Highway 50.

Its rich history includes years of leasing the lakefront to the base as a recreation area. In the ‘70s, first-assignment instructor pilots would have large parties on the porch.

“We never closed,” said Elizabeth Proffitt. “There would be hundreds and hundreds of pilots here all day long.” She recalled one time when a FAIP actually parachuted onto the beach outside the restaurant.

The whole Proffitt family came out for The Food Network taping, including three grandchildren, for which many menu items are named. “It’s a family business,” said Bob Proffitt. “I’m passing it on to my son.”

The owners and staff of Proffitt’s Porch were surprised to earn this kind of international media attention.

“I am astounded that [The Food Network] came, but they have very good taste,” joked Elizabeth Proffitt. “It’s always a happy thing when people want to come and be with us. It’s like having guests in our home.”

(Author’s note: “The Best of Military Eats” featuring Proffitt’s Porch and Columbus AFB will air some time next year on The Food Network.)

Civilian job applicants must now self-nominate

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Civilians interested in applying for specific job positions must now self-nominate under the Air Force’s Career Program system.

The career program office, which began using the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System Monday, provides a centralized merit promotion system to fill mid-level and senior management positions throughout the Air Force.

Career Program registration is no longer required to apply and compete for these positions, said personnel officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. But, it’s a benefit to be registered as training. Management and leadership development, career counseling and workforce analysis are still done under the system.

“We encourage employees to use the free subscriber service known as Civilian Announcement Notification System to receive e-mail notifications of vacancies matching job criteria they specify,” said Debbie Warner, 14th Mission Support Squadron Civilian Personnel Flight chief. “CANS allows employees to register their job and geographic preferences and receive an e-mail notification when a vacancy exists matching their criteria. It can be a real time-saver for employees.”

Vacancies will be advertised on the AFPC webpage beginning today and employees interested in



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All civilians must now self-nominate for jobs Air Force wide. Pat Mays, 14th Contracting Squadron, who’s been in civil service for 30 years, has witnessed modernization of the civilian hiring system.

a job must self-nominate via AFPC’s employment home page. For more information, call Ext. 2635. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

Columbus AFB Spotlight

Name: Senior Airman Kevin Martens, 14th Security Forces Squadron

Duty title: NCOIC, resources and supply

Time on station: 8 months

Time in service: 3 years and 4 months

Hometown: Staten Island, N.Y.

Previous bases: MacDill AFB, Fla., United States Air Force Academy, Colo.

Hobbies: Scuba diving, sky diving, reading and traveling

Military activities/organizations: Member of the high-risk entry and apprehension team, graduate of the Class of 2001 of the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School, current Airman of the Quarter for 14th Support Group

Goals: Continue my pursuit for a commission and stay in the Air Force 20-plus years

Favorite quote: “People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.” — George Orwell



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

**Senior Airman Kevin Martens
14th Security Forces Squadron,
NCOIC resources and supply**



Air Force recruiter

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AETC announces down days

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, recently announced the dates the command will observe as family days or training stand down days in 2002.

This year July 5, Nov. 29, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 are the designated dates.

The family day, or down day, means military members will get the day off, giving most in the command an extra break for the observed holidays.

In his announcement, Cook stated the days are in appreciation for the tremendous accomplishments, sacrifices and hard work of AETC people this year.

“During your holiday activities, please think safety first,” Cook said. “Use common sense, drive defensively and wear your safety seat belts.”

People who have questions about their day off should check with their supervisors, who will determine mission-essential staffing. For military members required to perform duty during the holiday, commanders are encouraged to grant compensatory time off during the first week following the holiday, mission requirements permitting, the general said.

Under current rules for Department of Defense civilians, commanders can encourage liberal leave, use of previously earned compensatory time or use of already approved time-off awards, the general said. Group time-off awards, specifically for the purpose of giving the day off, are prohibited by Air Force Instruction 36-1004, “Managing the Civilian Recognition Program.” (Courtesy of AF News)

Leaders brief Congress on plan

WASHINGTON — Air Force and Congressional leaders met Monday to discuss a long-range plan allowing the Air Force to meet America’s military airlift requirements over the next decade and a half.

The plan includes modernizing or retiring some C-5 Galaxy and C-130 Hercules aircraft, and also includes buying more C-17 Globemaster IIIs to replace many of the retired transports.

“It’s a win-win for the active-duty, Reserve forces, Guard and the nation,” said Col. Brad Baker, special assistant to the director of programs. “The Air Force is becoming more efficient and better able to support America’s military airlift requirements by procuring new equipment such as the C-17 and C-130J while modernizing and standardizing the best of our older C-5 and C-130 fleets.”

The plan, called the Mobility Roadmap, calls for a minimum fleet of 180 C-17s, and at least 150 new C-130Js. In addition, more than 280 older C-130s will be modernized, as will the best 112 C-5s.

Officials briefed Congress that this would result in an airlift fleet that is 30 percent more reliable, will cost less to operate and maintain and can carry more cargo directly to where America’s warfighters need it.

This proposal could save \$100 million per year that could be used for new aircraft.

The bottom line, Baker said, is the Air Force cannot continue to try to support 40-year-old aircraft at the expense of current and future capability requirements. (Courtesy of AF News)

Residents uprooted

Unaccompanied officers getting new furniture

2nd Lt. Amy Hansen
Public affairs

A strict delivery schedule for new furniture recently caused Bldg. 966 residents to get a letter requesting them to move on short notice.

The building is one of four unaccompanied officer quarters and is getting new furniture from April 29 to May 3, requiring the 37 current residents to move to different rooms.

In October 2001, Bldg. 966 went back to 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing as a dormitory for unaccompanied officers attending Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training. Formerly, the Magnolia Inn used the building for extra hotel rooms, said Debra Caspell, housing manager.

“Billeting needs their furniture from [Bldg. 966] for another location,” Caspell said. “The program we created would reduce the disruption to pilots in training. First the students would move into new rooms with new furniture, and then we would replace the old furniture in the other rooms.”

According to Caspell, options available to students were reimbursement for a do-it-yourself move or coordination with the traffic management office to get their belongings moved. The cost of re-con-

necting phone and cable service will also be reimbursed.

“We felt our solution minimized the number of moves and inconvenience to the member,” said Cynthia Fowlkes, 14th CES housing management supervisor.

Second Lt. Ethan Schulman received the letter asking him to move from his current room. “I was a little surprised. It’s definitely going to be an inconvenience.”

About eight members of the 37th Flying Training Squadron’s Sabre flight agreed. They arrived in the housing office on April 8 to request permission to remain in their rooms and sleep on the floor while the furniture was switched out.

Although Caspell tried to persuade them that moving is easier, the students were adamant and she agreed to write a letter allowing them to stay in their rooms to avoid the hassle of moving. “We’re trying to do what’s best for each individual person,” she said.

Schulman wonders if moving all of the residents was the best option. “I think they could have taken out the old furniture when people PCSed.”

“We’re on a contractor timeline,” said Fowlkes. “We’re looking at the best customer service, which is one move instead of two for each resident.”

Mother Goose reads to children at development center

2nd Lt. Amy Hansen
Public affairs

Mother Goose visited the child development center April 9 to sing songs and tell stories about safety for Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child.

The event featured Edwina Williams, the Columbus Public Library children’s librarian, who dressed in an apron and bonnet and brought a stuffed goose and her own musical instruments.

She told stories and sang about saying no to strangers, brushing your teeth, learning to read, and drinking milk to the 16 three to five-year-olds in the class.

“She talks to the children about safety, about not going with strangers and about not letting people touch you in the wrong places,” said Mollye Cash, life skills support center social worker who invited Mother Goose. “Safety is the first thing.”

The two child care providers in the classroom thought the presentation was very entertaining for the children.

“Mother Goose always does a good job,” Linda Norman said. “It’s the way she sings and presents [the information]. The kids remember it.”

Mother Goose presented an essential message to the children. “It reinforces things they need to know about



2nd Lt. Amy Hansen

Columbus librarian Edwina Williams, dressed as Mother Goose, tells a story to children at the child development center.

safety and strangers,” Norman said.

Mother Goose travels around the county to schools, birthday parties and any where else she is invited, she

said, and will do any topic that is requested. “I enjoy being around children. I try to tell them stories where they learn and have fun, too.”



Melanie Brown

Still in love

Chaplain (Maj.) Joseph Motsay, 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel head chaplain, blesses Ilia and retired Chief Master Sgt. Gino Conti with holy water during a renewal of their wedding vows Sunday. The ceremony was a surprise gift to the Conti’s in honor of their 60th anniversary April 12.

Base community responsible for visible, invisible protection

Maj. Loring Harkey
14th CS commander

How many Columbus military members, Department of Defense civil service personnel and United States Government contract employees thought that they would have to support our nation during war?

Well, just in case you haven’t noticed, we are at war and supporting the war effort. Our nation is fighting the war on terrorism.

Fighting a war of this nature is unique for many reasons. First, it is difficult to define a target to attack. Second, it is equally difficult to locate the enemy. Third, defending against a seemingly invisible enemy is very difficult.

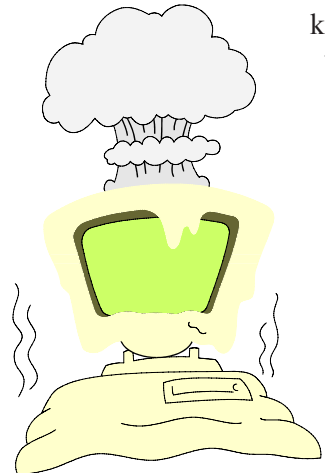
So, how do we fight such an unusual conflict? Our best defense is to deter acts of terrorism through unwavering vigilance.

We must not become complacent in our daily profession of supporting the mission. Instead, we must consistently display the utmost vigilance while performing our duties.

Heightened awareness is the best deterrent. If every individual improved their environmental awareness, many threats to our base security would go away.

We tend to be more aware of our visible than invisible threats. Yet, both are equally important. Contrary to popular belief, it is not the responsibility of the security forces squadron to protect Columbus AFB from physical threats.

Conversely, “our security forces are designed as initial responders to physical threats,” said Maj. Dave Briar, 14th Security Forces Squadron commander. “The physical security of Columbus AFB is the responsibility of all occupants. It is the moral duty of all base occupants to report suspicious or criminal activity to security forces or



office of special investigations.”

We are equally responsible for protecting our environment from invisible threats. Simply put, we must protect our base from things we cannot see.

One example of an invisible threat is a computer virus. Computer viruses are the sort of threat that you cannot see, but the results are evident.

Just as security forces needs our help to physically protect the base, so does the 14th Communications Squadron need help to protect computers from malicious viruses. Keep in mind that computer users are the first to detect unusual activity on their computer screen.

Equally important, you should immediately report unusual words, images or delays in keystroke commands to your unit workgroup administrator, system administrator or wing information assurance office at Ext. 2092.

“Every computer user must ensure their computer is loaded with Norton Antivirus Software for protection,” said Ron Wooten, 14th CS Information Systems flight chief. “If your computer is not protected, contact your unit workgroup administrator or system administrator. Failure to do so puts the entire base network at risk.” It

is important to identify, isolate and eradicate a computer virus as soon as possible.

Just as failure to report suspicious actions to security forces could threaten our base physical protection, failure to report unfamiliar computer activity can threaten our base virtual protection and result in electronic mail and network stoppage.

Prevention is the best deterrent against visible and invisible threats.

Former Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Ronald Fogleman said it best. “Dominating the information spectrum is as critical now as occupying land or controlling air has been in the past.”

Every occupant has the responsibility to ensure the visible and invisible protection of our base. Are you protecting our base?

STRAIGHT TALK LINE



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and Airman Matrika Morgan, health and wellness center information manager, check out the new HAWC relaxation room. People are encouraged to make 15-minute appointments in the room, which offers relaxing music and a massage chair. Call Ext. 2477.

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential.

Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

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Chief Gaylor: Fifth Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force reinforces enlisted heritage during base visit

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Public affairs

A respectful air of silence permeated the room as they waited for him. Students in the First Term Airman's Academy shifted restlessly in their seats while Air Force Sergeants Association representatives chatted quietly about the business of the day.

Then he arrived and charged the room with the energy of a leader. Former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert Gaylor came to Columbus AFB to speak at the Enlisted Dining-out April 12, but he also visited several units during the day.

During his visit, the Chief shared his Columbus AFB experiences.

"It's like coming back home," Gaylor said. "I was stationed here in 1964 when this was a Strategic Air Command base. There were B-52s sitting out on the Christmas Tree at the Alert Facility ready to go 24-hours a day.

"There were lights at every intersection and when they were flashing it meant get out of the way. And when the claxon [alarm] went off during a movie — better watch your feet or you'd get run over."

The Chief also commented that the difference between yesterday's and



Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford
Airman 1st Class Chris McClendon, 14th Mission Support Squadron, talks to former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert Gaylor at the Cardinal Inn Dining Facility April 12. The Chief visited units and spoke at the Enlisted Dining-out.

today's Air Force comes down to two "T" words, training and technology.

"You're better trained than you've been in the past," Gaylor said. "In basic training the expansion of the confidence course and the addition of Warrior week have improved basic training. Technical schools are doing better.

"Try to imagine leaving Lackland not

knowing your career field or even your job. You were told you'd get your job based on the needs of the base you went to.

"Here's PFC Gaylor at his first base. He doesn't have a clue where he's supposed to go. Finally, he gets to an office and there's a corporal sitting on the other side of the desk who says, 'I have three jobs

for you, pick one. I haven't got all day, so choose quick or I'll pick one for you.'

"That doesn't happen anymore thanks to the efforts at basic training, technical schools and First Term Airman's Academy. There are many more professional development and follow-on schools too."

Technology is the other "T," Gaylor added. There are so many people flipping switches and playing with gadgets in today's Air Force. "I'm amazed at the talent I see every day of people doing their jobs. My VCR still blinks 12:00, yet I go to visit Holoman AFB, and there's this two-striper just beaming. She tells me, 'Welcome Chief, I get to tell you about what I do.'

"So she sits me down at this console and proceeds to tell me about how she controls satellites and tells them when and where to send information. At the end I couldn't think of a question to ask. All I could say was, 'wow.'

"All the gadgetry is a great thing for the Air Force but it doesn't mean anything without the people to use it," Gaylor said.

He shared some of his philosophies of life. "I've been a shade-tree philosopher

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Vietnam War casualty laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery

Master Sgt. Dorothy Goepel
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Col. William C. Coltman Sr. was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on April 3, nearly 30 years after he was declared missing in action during his second combat tour in Vietnam.

Family and friends gathered for a memorial service in Fort Myer Memorial Chapel, Fort Myer, Va., to celebrate the life of Coltman, who was reported missing in action Sept. 29, 1972.

"Bill Coltman touched my life," said retired Brig. Gen. Charles Bishop, who knew Coltman in the '60s. "He left us rich memories and an abiding faith in family. I'm a better person for having known him."

Two of Coltman's three sisters, Harriet Muir and Mary Crow, described their brother's sense of adventure, and a trip in 1972 to Las Vegas to visit him. Gratitude was expressed for "the Lord's timing, because a few weeks later, he was reported missing."

On Sept. 25, 1972, Coltman deployed for his second combat tour in Vietnam in support of Linebacker II. According to historical records, 48 F-111As with the 474th Tactical Fighter Wing at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., arrived in Southeast Asia on Sept. 27, to help check the accelerating advance of the North Vietnamese.

On Sept. 28 of that same year, the first night of F-111 operations, Coltman and 1st Lt. Robert A. Brett Jr. disappeared while on a strike mission in North Vietnam. The last radio and radar contact occurred as the aircraft approached the Loatian border.

At that time, Coltman was said to have deviated from his programmed track to avoid thunderstorms. Radio contact was never reestablished and on Sept. 29, 1972, both men were declared missing in action at the time of estimated fuel exhaustion and after a search and rescue operation produced no clues.

An investigative team with Joint Task Force-Full Accounting discovered wreckage in Houaphan Province, Northern Laos, on Aug. 1, 1998. The site was initially excavated in March 2000, and three more digs followed.

The laboratory positively identified Coltman's remains in December 2001 and was able to distinguish that another crew member was with him, said Ginger Couden, laboratory spokesperson. Coltman's relatives traveled to Hawaii on March 29 to bring his remains to Arlington for burial.

Coltman's widow, Gail Coltman, was presented with the flag that had draped her husband's casket. Coltman's brother, retired Col. (Dr.) Charles A. Coltman Jr., removed the MIA bracelet he had been wearing all these years and wrapped it around a rose before placing it on the casket.

Maj. Kimberly G. Coltman, who was only 12 when she last saw her father, rendered a salute after placing a rose



Tech. Sgt. Jim Varhegyi
Maj. Kim Coltman from the 366th Medical Group at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, places a flower on the casket of her father, Air Force Col. William C. Coltman, during a burial service at Arlington National Cemetery April 3.

on the casket, in loving memory of "the best fighter pilot in the world," as she called him.

"It was a tearful occasion, but our tears were tears of joy," Kimberly said, a nurse at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. "Words cannot express my feelings knowing that after all these years, my father has come home."

(Editors Note: The current number of Americans who have been recovered and positively identified since 1973 from the war in Southeast Asia is 653, according to Joint Task Force-Full Accounting officials. There are 1,932 Americans still unaccounted for.)



Melanie Brown
Master Sgt. Paul McClain, 14th Support Group first sergeant, salutes Chief Master Sgt. James Roy, 14th Flying Training Wing command chief and president of the Enlisted Dining-out, and head table members (left to right) Airman William Roberts, 14th Comptroller Flight; Airman 1st Class Michael Cucuzza, 14th Security Forces Squadron; former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert Gaylor; and Paula Roy, 14th Medical Support Squadron, before the grog bowls are opened and the dining-out festivities begin.



Melanie Brown
Enlisted members await the head table guests and the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner before being seated.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Before the dining-out begins, Rhianna Slimak, Army and Air Force Exchange service salon, styles hair for Rachel Kasic, 14th Services Division.



Traditional night of enlisted history



Melanie Brown



Melanie Brown
Gaylor, guest speaker at the event, tells his view of the Air Force and of his memories at Columbus AFB.

Left: Roy and McClain remove the colonel rank from Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander to adhere to the tradition of the enlisted-only event. Quelly was then given the rank of airman.

Services: Check out what we have to offer

✓ **Enlisted lounge entertainment:** Disc jockey Maze entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

✓ **Seafood buffet:** The Columbus Club's Tuesday night buffet features seafood from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Price is \$12.95 for club members and \$15.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

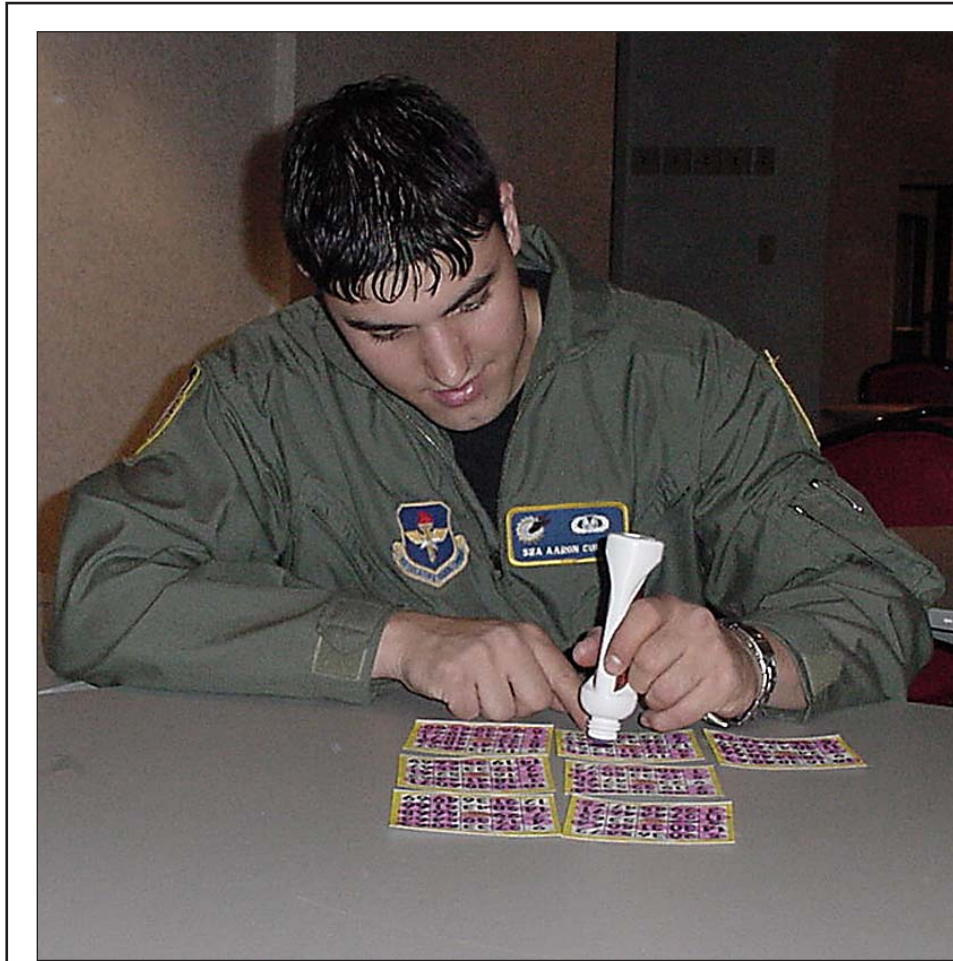
✓ **'50s night:** Dress up in your best '50s attire and learn to swing dance at the '50s night at 7:30 p.m. Apr. 27 at the Columbus Club. Cost is free for club members and \$5 for guests. Free hamburgers and hot dogs are available. The night's activities include a trivia contest, costume contest, swing dance lessons, bubble gum blowing, tricycle drag race and more. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Summer camp registration:** Currently enrolled school-age students may register early for the summer camp program. Cost is based on family income. A registration fee of \$10 for each week registered will be required. Registration will be open to the base populace after April 29. Call Ext. 2504.

✓ **Veterinary clinic hours:** The base veterinary clinic is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and one Saturday per month from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call Ext. 2281.

✓ **White water rafting trip:** Register at outdoor recreation for the white water rafting trip June 1 to 3 on the Ocoee River in Tennessee. Cost is \$95 and includes transportation, river trip, two nights lodging and two meals. Call Ext. 7858.

✓ **Family child care providers needed:** Anyone interested in providing child care in their home on base, or those already providing care for one or more children for a total of 10 hours a week, must be licensed through the family child care office. Care for special needs children is also needed. Call Ext. 2479.



Pam Wickham

Lucky guy!

Senior Airman Aaron Curtis, 41st Flying Training Squadron, won the \$500 bingo jackpot April 12. This is the second \$500 jackpot won by Curtis. The all-ranks bingo program is offered Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in the community center. There are two \$25 jackpots, two \$50 jackpots and a \$500 jackpot with a \$50 consolation prize if the jackpot is not won in 50 numbers or less. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Plastic bags needed:** The child development center needs plastic grocery bags. Drop bags off at the front desk.

✓ **Spaces available:** The child development center has spaces available in the 3- to 5-year-old room.

✓ A waiting list is available for all age groups. Call Ext. 2479.

✓ **Need an oil change?** The auto skills center offers this service for \$17.95 for most vehicles. Maintenance also includes a road preventative maintenance inspection. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

✓ **Tire installation:** The auto skills center can mount and balance new tires for \$32. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

✓ **Canoe trip:** Take a canoe trip down the Buttahatchee River in Mississippi May 18 with outdoor recreation. Cost is \$15 and includes canoe rental and lunch. Call Ext. 2507.

✓ **School-age program open house:** Parents and children of the youth center's school-age program are invited to the open house and spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the youth center. Entertainment

provided by the children. Call Ext. 2504.

✓ **Memphis in May:** Enjoy the music in the Beale Street Music Festival May 3 to 5 in Memphis, Tenn.

Cost is \$99 per person and includes transportation and two nights' lodging (double occupancy).

Tickets to the music festival are sold separately. Call the information, ticket and travel office at Ext. 7858 for reservations.

✓ **Casino trip:** A trip to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss. is May 17.

Cost is \$15 and includes transportation and \$15 in coins.

The bus leaves around 5:30 p.m. and returns around 2:30 a.m. Register at the information, ticket and travel office. Call Ext. 7858.

✓ **Crafts classes:** The skills development center offers classes for youth and adults.

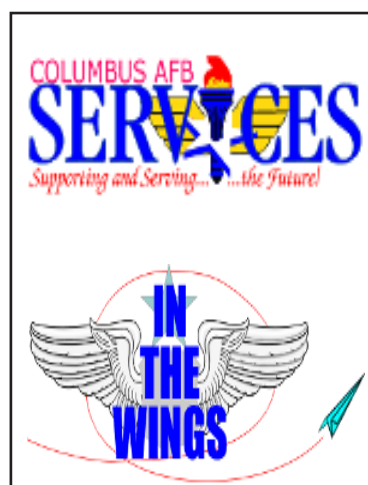
Some of the adult classes in May include making a wooden flag to hang on your door, a mosaic pot, soap and a decorative tin.

The children's classes include making a special gift for Mom, a gumball machine, bug soap and puzzle frames. Stop by the center to view samples of the class projects. Call Ext. 7836 for class times and cost.

✓ **Wood shop classes:** The skills development center offers classes in woodworking for ages 10 and older. Class dates and times are flexible for the student. Several class projects available. Call Ext. 7836.

✓ **Car detailing:** Cost for car washing and waxing ranges from \$10-\$50 and is based on vehicle type and the amount of detailing desired. Call Ext. 7842.

✓ **Investment seminar:** The base library is offering an investment seminar at 6 p.m. Apr. 30. Call Ext. 2934.



Columbus Club Lunch Buffet					
Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea					
Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
Fried Catfish Popcorn Shrimp Cherry Cobbler	Fried Chicken Grilled Pork Chops Peach Cobbler	Meat Loaf Sweet & Sour Pork Banana Pudding	Beef Tips with Rice Chicken Cacciatore Apple Cobbler	Roast Pork Loin BBQ Brisquet Apple Dumplings	

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AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass

Friday

11:30 a.m. — Communion

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Contemporary worship
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper
7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish or Orthodox services, or other chapel programs, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

"Snow Dogs" (PG, mild, crude humor, 99 min.)
Starring: Cuba Gooding, Jr. and James Coburn.

Saturday

"We Were Soldiers" (R, sequences of graphic war violence, 138 min.)
Starring: Mel Gibson and Sam Elliott.

April 26

"40 Days and 40 Nights" (R, strong sexual content, 91 min.)
Starring: Josh Hartnett and Shannyn Sossamon.

April 27

"The Time Machine" (PG-13, intense sequences of action violence, 96 min.)
Starring: Guy Pearce and Mark Addy.

May 3

"E.T." (PG, mild thematic elements, 120 min.)
Starring: Henry Thomas and Dee Wallace-Stone.

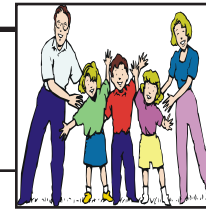
CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford for more information at Ext. 7073.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Check your report: A credit report briefing is at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. What people need to know about checking credit reports and correcting errors is discussed.

DEFY graduation: The Drug Education For Youth graduation is at 4 p.m. April 27 at the community center. Dress is casual for civilians and uniform-of-the-day for military.

Investment seminar: Topics including information on stocks, mutual funds, bonds and individual retirement accounts are discussed at 6 p.m. April 30 at the library. People interested should sign up by April 29.

LIFE SKILLS SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities offered are at the family advocacy office located on the second floor of the 14th Medical Group unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2239.)

Special needs: The Exceptional Family Member Program is designed to ensure service availability for active-duty family members with special needs.

The need must be identified at the current duty station or before a permanent change of station. The program assists families with relocation when a medical condition exists, helping them find resources on base and in the local community.

BASE NOTES



Recycling superhero: Michael Recycle visits at 2 p.m. Monday at the child development center to promote Earth Day. Call Ext. 7406.

Drug presentation: The drug demand reduction office presents "What Every Parent Needs to Know About Drugs" at 6 p.m. Thursday at the community center. Call 2353.



Courtesy photo

Huggie bears

Sergeant Steve Gladney, Mississippi Highway Patrol, accepts a stuffed rabbit from Master Sgt. Yvonne Brackens, Columbus AFB Family Support Center, and Maj. Anita Jackson, 14th Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight commander April 5 at the FSC. The rabbit was one of the stuffed animals the center donated to the Mississippi Highway Patrol to support their "Trooper 'Huggie' Bears" program. The program's goal is to comfort traumatized children in car accidents, domestic disputes, etc. Call Ext. 2790.

Group closing: The clinic closes at noon April 26 for an official function. Call 434-2273 for assistance.

New worship: Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Rash pastors a new Protestant Contemporary worship beginning at 1 p.m. April 28 at the chapel.

This hour features a praise band, singing, prayer and preaching. Call Ext. 2500.

CCAF graduation: The annual Community College of the Air Force graduation is at 10 a.m. April 30 at the Columbus Club.

Everyone is welcome to congratulate Columbus AFB's 33 graduates. Call 2562.

Law day: A law day luncheon is at 11:30 a.m. May 1 at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$6.50 for Columbus Club members and \$8.50 for non members. The guest speaker is Bobby Robinson, city attorney from Vicksburg, Miss. Call Ext. 7030.

Police week: A series of events honoring law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice during 2001 are hosted by the 14th Security Forces Squadron during National Police Week May 12 to 18. Call Ext. 7115.

Pride store offers: Grass seed and fertilizer are available at the pride store for base housing occupants.

The plant and flower voucher program for flowers and shrubs for base housing occupants ends May 18. Limited funds only allow \$50 per unit. Call Ext. 7357.

Legal services: Bar associations, law firms and solo-practitioner attorneys vol-

unteer free legal services to the primary next of kin of servicemembers killed or injured in a military operation in support of the war on terrorism.

The pro bono legal services outreach program saves the next of kin the cost of legal fees and simplifies the process of locating a civilian attorney specialized in their area of need. Call Ext. 2720.

AROUND TOWN



Theater production: "Once Upon a Mattress," a modern-day version of "The Princess and the Pea," is performed by the Fine and Performing Arts Division at Mississippi University for Women at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Cromwell Theater.

Tickets are \$5 for MUW students, \$7 in advance for general admission and \$10 at the door. Call 329-7341.

Railroad festival: A celebration of Amory's history as a railroad crossroads is Saturday and Sunday in Frisco Park in Amory, Miss.

The annual event features hobo storytelling, a fun run at 9 a.m., mini train rides, food concessions, an antique car show (parade route is down Main Street at 11:30 a.m.), carnival rides, crafts and continuous entertainment. Admission is free. Call (662) 256-7194.

Air show: The Tupelo Air Show featuring the Blue Angels and other vintage and military aircraft is Saturday and Sunday.

Cost is \$8 in advance or \$12 at the door. Parking is \$3. Call (662) 841-6570.

SHORTS

Bowling special

The bowling center offers bowling for 75 cents per game this month for children under the age of 12 when accompanied by an adult.

Family members between the ages of 13 and 18 can bowl for \$1.25 per game anytime. Call Ext. 2426.

Home Run bowling league

This two-game format adult, youth or adult/youth bowling league begins this month and will run for 12 weeks. At the end of the 12 weeks, the league member will receive a Major League Baseball Team bowling ball with a retail value of \$160.

The cost per person will depend on the league format. Maximum cost per person will be \$10 per

week. Must bowl all 12 weeks to qualify for the bowling ball. Call Ext. 2426 to register.

Earth Day fun run/walk

This event starts at 11 a.m. today at the sports and fitness center. The sports and fitness and recycling centers are co-hosting this event. T-shirts are given to participants who bring recycleables.

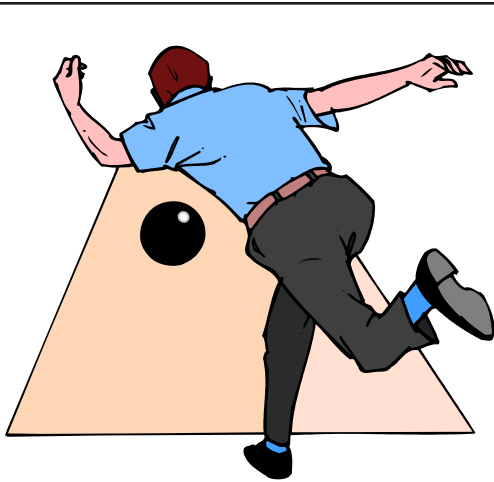
Hot ball/scramble tournament

Whispering Pines Golf Course offers this four-person tournament April 27 starting at 8 a.m. Teams are selected by handicaps. Entry is \$15 for members and \$15 plus green fees for nonmembers. On each hole, three players scramble and one player plays their own ball (both scores count).

Bowling standings

The following are the intramural bowling standings current as of Wednesday. For more information, call Jim Campbell at Ext. 2426.

Team	Wins	Losses
Stroken	170	46
14th SVS	128	88
Retirees	123	93
14th SFS1	123	93
14th MSS	118	98
Team 7	62	154
14th SFS2	62	154



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Take this!

Will Kearns, Jr., 14th Medical Support Squadron, returns a volleyball to Scott Jackson, 48th Flying Training Squadron, during a season-opening game Monday at the fitness and sports center. The 48th FTS beat the 14th Medical Group two games to none.

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for 37 years, and I’m going to tell you what I’ve learned.”

“Every day I tell myself what I do is important,” Gaylor said. He recounted an incident from when he was in security forces and his commander asked him what he did that day. “I kept a robbery and two murders from happening,” Gaylor said.

“But Gaylor, there were no robberies or murders,” his commander replied.

“See,” Gaylor said.

“Feel good about yourself and remember that everything you do is important,” Gaylor added. “Your

importance is measured by the contribution you make, not your rank or pay.

“At Whiteman AFB, Mo., they have B-2 bombers. These airplanes have to be parked in special hangars so they can’t just land anywhere. They get the call to go bomb Afghanistan, but they have to come back to Whiteman, that’s a long 44-hour trip. And the wing commander is out on the flight line with all the families saying goodbye. Then the wing commanders starts going through the checklist. Fuel — Check — Bombs — Check. Crew —

Check. Box lunches — No.”

“So they call a staff sergeant at home to get the box lunches,” Gaylor added. “At that moment, the guy with the bologna sandwiches was the most important person on base.”

What could be improved upon in the Air Force? According to the Chief, common sense.

“When I joined the military at 18, fresh out of high school, I was a true Gomer Pyle from Mulbery, Ind.,” Gaylor said. “I wasn’t worldly, I didn’t have a lot of academic knowledge. We didn’t have the

Internet and 64 channels of cable and news networks. What I did have was common sense. Something tells me I shouldn’t go out drinking and drive that automobile, I might get hurt.

“Airmen today are worldly, they can watch news from all parts of the planet, talk on the Internet with people in other countries. They are also academically smart. But — I will wear you out with common sense. I’d like to see more common sense being applied across the board by the airmen today — it keeps things in perspective.”